

**TIDEWATER REGIONAL
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

October 17, 2006

MINUTES

PRESENT

Renee Edwards, LHRC Member
Mary Butler, LHRC Member
Christopher Boyd, LHRC Member
Marge House, LHRC Member
Debra Goldstein, Senior Vice Presidents ABS LINCS Virginia
Fran Neaves, ABS LINCS Risk Manager
Reginald T. Daye, Regional Advocate, DMHMRSAS
Henry Hopkins, Supervisor, Home Based Supervisor, First Home Care
Sara Smith, Clinical Director, Group Homes, First Home Care
Ruth Mawyer, Director of Nursing, Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center
Anne Uhr, Director of Risk Management and P.I., Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center
Beverly Supler, Clinical Coordinator, Alternative Behavioral Services
Kyle German, Education Coordinator, Alternative Behavioral Services
Amanda Steeves, LHRC Recording Secretary

ABSENT

James Overton, LHRC Member

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Local Human Rights Committee meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. by Renee Edwards.

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of July 11, 2006 were reviewed. Ms. Mawyer recommended that two corrections be made in the standing reports section of the minutes. Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes with the stated corrections. Ms. Butler seconded the motion. All members present voted to accept the minutes.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Topic: Sale of ABS to PSI

Discussion: Ms. Goldstein gave an update on the on-going discussion of the sale of the ABS company to PSI. It was announced by PSI that the sale is officially off the table and things will remain as they are.

B. Recommendation: It was recommended by Mr. Daye that the allegation reports be mailed out 2 weeks with minutes and memos so they can be reviewed before the meeting. The reports from this meeting will be reviewed by committee members and any concerns will be brought to the next meeting. Members were reminded of the importance of confidentiality in this matter.

Action: Mr. Boyd made a motion to accept this recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. House, and all members present voted to accept.

V. STANDING REPORTS

A. General Information

The Pines: Ms. Goldstein reported that the severity and type of incidents that are taking place have been reduced, and that there has been an overall reduction in the level of violence. A book by Dr. Wong is being utilized to identify best practices to aid the process of violence reduction on the units. There has also been an addition of 2 contracted neuropsychologists to the Pines staff that have been hired to design a lab that will help residents in retraining their thinking processes. The lab is scheduled to be completed soon. We also hope that the technology will reduce violent/ impulse behavior as well.

VBPC: Ms. Mawyer introduced Ms. Anne Uhr as the facility's new Director of Risk Management and PI. Ms. Uhr was introduced to the committee members and all other parties present.

B. Seclusion and Restraint Reports

VBPC: Ms. Mawyer presented the Seclusion and Restraint Report for VBPC. In July the total number of events was 11; in August there were 34; in September there were 31 events. There was one chemical restraint in July and one in August. There were two chemical restraints reported for the month of September. The percentage of total events to total patient days in July was 0.50%, in August was 1.46%, and September 1.41%.

The Pines: Ms. Goldstein presented the Seclusion and Restraint Report for The Pines. For all three campuses during the reporting period of July, August and September 2006, there was a total of 263 physical holds with a percentage to total patient days of 1.07%. In the same reporting period there were 122 mechanical restraints with a percentage to total patient days of 0.50%. There were a total of 27 seclusions with a percentage to total patient days of 0.11%. The total number of events for the reporting period was 412. The percentage to total patient days was 1.67%.

Crawford Day School: Ms. Supler reported that Crawford Day school started classes on September 12th and that in the month of September there were two physical holds. There were no physical holds to report for the month of October.

Oyster Point Academy: Ms. Supler reported that there were no holds in the month of September because school did not start until October 2nd. There were 11 physical holds in the month of October, all less than 2 minutes.

C. Reports on Structured Living Protocol

VBPC: Ms. Mawyer reported 5 episodes of SLP during the reporting period of July, August, and September 2006. There was one episode in July, and 4 in September. Ms. Mawyer also reported that there were 3 episodes of SLP during the month of June that had been unreported at the last meeting.

The Pines: Ms. Goldstein stated there were 2 episodes of Structured Living during this reporting period, with both episodes occurring in the month of August.

D. Overview of Allegation Reports

First Home Care: Ms. Smith stated there were no allegations to report from First Home Care.

VBPC: Ms. Mawyer reported a total of 25 complaints during this reporting period: 10 in June that were not reported at the last meeting; 3 in July, 6 in August and 6 in September.

The Pines: Ms. Neaves stated there were a total of 185 allegations reported to the Office of Human Rights during this reporting period.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Mr. Daye announced that the state human rights conference will be held in the Fall of 2007.
- B. There will be a public hearing on October 24, 2006 from 4pm to 6pm for the state to hear the input of the public on the proposed changes to regulations.

- C. There will be an human rights committee member training that will be taking place on November 14, 2006 in the South Eastern Virginia training center. This is targeting new members who haven't received training and will include a HIPPA video and the Freedom of Information Act.
- D. Andrea Coleman has moved onto a new position within the office and Geana Mitchell will be taking her place a full time staff member in Mr. Daye's office.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Motion: Mr. Boyd made a motion that the committee go into Executive Session, pursuant to Virginia Code 2-2-3711A(4) for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely to review patient information from First Home Care and Virginia Beach Psychiatric Center, pursuant to the regulations.

Action: Second was made by Ms. House. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Reconvened in Open Session: Upon reconvening in Open Session, members of the Tidewater Regional LHRC unanimously certified to the best of their knowledge that only public business matters exempt from statutory open meeting requirements and only public business matters identified in the motion to convene the Executive Session were discussed in accordance to Virginia Code 2-2-3711A(4).

V. NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next regular LHRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Boyd made the motion to adjourn. Ms. House seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Amanda Steeves
Recording Secretary

Renee Edwards
LHRC Member